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Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER THE BOWDLE PIONEER		2. DATE 09/15/04
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE WEEKLY	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $ 23 Inside SD 25 Outside SD

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 3039 MAIN ST, BOX 368 BOWDLE, EDMUNDS CO, SD 57428-0368

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) SAME AS ABOVE

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: MARY LOU GAUER

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
MARY LOU GAUER	BOX 368 BOWDLE, SD 57428-0368

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	700	700
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	45	45
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	564	559
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	609	604
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	5	5
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	0	0
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	614	609
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	86	91
2. Return from News Agents	0	0
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	700	700

Statement must be signed by Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner in the presence of a Notary Public
I swear that the statements made by me are true, correct, and complete:

(Signature)

Publisher
(Title)

State of South Dakota)
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County of Edmunds)

Sworn to before me this 15 day of Sept., 2004

Notary Public

My commission expires: May 3, 2010

(Seal)

John G. Thurn
Notary Public, South Dakota
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